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SUBJECT: GOB PROPOSAL TO EXTEND SHRIMP AGREEMENT

REF: BRASILIA 3449

1. REFTEL REPORTED GOB NOTE DATED MAY 13, 1974 PROPOSING EXTENSION OF SHRIMP AGREEMENT TO DECEMBER 31, 1974. EMBASSY HAS HAD FORTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH FONOFF OVER PROCEDURE. BECAUSE OF PHRASING IN LAST PARA OF GOB NOTE STATING THAT EXTENSION WOULD BE "FORMALIZED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES." FONOFF BELIEVES THAT SIMPLE USG RESPONSE AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE. THEREFORE, FONOFF HAS PREPARED A SECOND NOTE PROPOSING EXTENSION WHICH, WITH USG AFIRMATIVE RESPONSE, WOULD CONSTITUTE THE EXCHANGE FORMALIZING THE EXTENSION. DRAFT OF GOB NOTE BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO PAYMENT OF FUNDS DUE UNDER THE AGREEMENT, EMBASSY PLANS TO GIVE TO GOB \$200,000 CHECK ALREADY AUTHORIZED AT THE TIME WE DELIVER US NOTE CONCURRING IN THE EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 1974 AND TO NOTIFY GOB AT THAT TIME OF OUR INTENTION TO MAKE PAYMENT OF REMAINING MONEYS DUE AS SOON AS FORMALITIES IN OBTAINING FUNDS ARE

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COMPLETED. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS ACTION ON OUR COMMITMENT WILL

HELP IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE NOT ONLY IN GOB DECISIONS NOW BEING MADE ON
LOS QUESTIONS BUT ALSO IN NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW AGREEMENT
THAT WILL TAKE PLACE TOWARD END OF YEAR.
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